

[23 February, 2001]      RAJYA SABHA

**Claim for Ayurvedic cure for AIDS**

271. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:  
SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA':

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Ayurveda medical practitioner, Shri B.N. Mandal, has approached the department claiming to have found cure for AIDS;

(b) if so, what was the response thereto;

(c) whether Government has got his claim examined;

(d) whether it is a fact that due to indifference of the department, he was compelled to go to court;

(e) if so, what action has been taken thereafter; and

(f) what is the real position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Shri B.N. Mandal did write a letter which was sent to the Central Council for Research and Ayurveda and Siddha (CCRAS), New Delhi, an autonomous body set up for conducting research on scientific lines in 'Ayurveda and Siddha, on 21.6.2000.

(d) to (f) We are not aware of the fact that Shri Mandal has gone to the Court due to any indifference of the Department he might have felt. On the contrary, He was asked by the CCRAS to submit full information about the number of the patients he has treated successfully so far, diagnostic investigations carried out on the basis of the diagnosis and the medicines used. He has not responded.